(b) if so, the approximate number of such persons entered our territory; and

(c) what action Government have taken to check the infiltration from Nepal and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and the bordering States namely Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttaranchal have been advised to increase vigil and undertake intensive patrolling along the Indo-Nepal Border so as to prevent ingress of Maoist elements into the Indian Territory.

Foreign prisoners in Indian Jails

1583. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign prisoners are in Indian Jails as on 1st June, 2005;

(b) how many of them have already completed their sentences; and

(c) whether there are any prisoners still in jail although they completed full term of their imprisonment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Criminals fled from the country

1584. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons who are accused in different criminal acts of the underworld have fled the country by tinkering with their passports and by manipulating the process of verification at different airports;

(b) whether Government initiated any inquiry to find out the close nexus between certain officials of RPOs and local police and the action taken against the erring officials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No instance has come to the notice of authorities about underworld criminals who fled out of India with tinkered passports by manipulating the process of verification. However, as per available information, one underworld criminal and his consort fled the country by obtaining passports under assumed names.

(b) and (c) As per available information, a case was registered in Hyderabad on 20.9.2002 to investigate the allegations of receiving passports by impersonation. CBI have filed a chargesheet in the competent court against 10 persons including officials of Andhra Pradesh Police and Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad.

Financial assistance for providing electricity in remote villages of Orissa

1585. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CM of Orissa has met the Union Minister of State for Non-Conventional Energy Sources and requested for financial support to provide electricity in remote villages that cannot be served by conventional grid;

(b) whether around 6500 villages in the State fall into this category; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to help the State to light up these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held between the Chief Minister of Orissa and the Union Minister of State for Non-Conventional Energy Sources to discuss